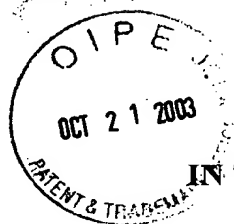


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In response to the Official Action (election of species requirement) issued on September 23, 2003, Applicants elect, without traverse, the species (A), drawn to an optical compensatory sheet formed from discotic liquid crystal molecules, wherein the liquid crystal molecules are discotic liquid crystal molecules. Currently, claims 1-13 and 24-26 read on the elected species.

Applicant notes that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the features of an allowed generic claim.

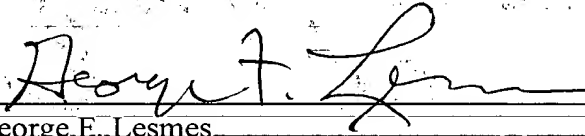
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper or the application in general.

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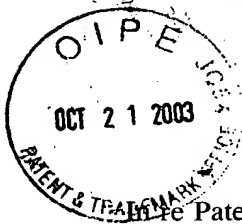


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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					0.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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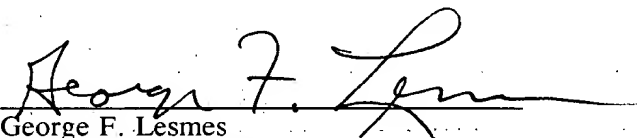
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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